



# THE CORNER INFORMER

*The Newsletter of The Southeastern Michigan Veterinary Medical Association*

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## OUR PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Hello Friends and Colleagues!

Where has the first half of 2024 gone? I feel like we were just dealing with the frigid temperatures at our Membership Celebration and now here we are, already talking about sunshine and summer fun!

We kick-off the summer fun with a baseball game at Jimmy John's Field in Utica. It's a doubleheader game on July 20th. The first game starts at 5:30 and gates open at 4:30. We will be in a group seating patio area. Included in the ticket price is an All-American Barbecue. Tickets are still available- bring your friends, family (not 4-legged family members) and enjoy some sunshine, socialization, and of course, baseball.

The fun continues into August for the 29th Annual SEMVMA Golf Outing. The golf outing takes place on August 7th at Tanglewood Golf Course in South Lyon. Not only do you get to enjoy a fun day in the sun, but you also get to support a great cause with all proceeds going to Leader Dogs for the Blind.

It can't be all fun, all summer long...can it? Your council has continued working hard on your behalf. Here is some recent business that we have been taking care of:

The board has picked Sara Nunemaker, LVT to serve on council as an advisor and a voice for our southeastern Michigan technicians. As doctors working with these smart, compassionate professionals- we know they offer so much

day in and day out. It should come as no surprise then, at her first meeting she already brought so many great ideas to the table. It gives us a much-needed perspective on what it is that we can do as an association to help our LVTs grow professionally and retain them in the field we all love so much.



*Dr. Becky Diellin*

We have also made a subcommittee for public outreach. It is our hope to use this subcommittee as an umbrella under which we handle community outreach. We already have quite a few projects happening, such as: support for high school technical schools with a "career path" towards veterinary medicine, career days for local schools/school districts, volunteers for events, and mentorship with recent graduates new to

SEMVMA. If you have an event you regularly participate in, or think we should be a part of, please reach out to the board and let us know so we can help.

Please remember to take some time this summer to take care of you. Have some "me" time, whatever that may look like for you - fun in the sun, fun out of the sun, a vacation or a staycation. You must take care of yourself before you can take care of anyone else. As always, if you need help, need a helping hand, or just need to talk, please know that the SEMVMA board is here for you. If we can't help, we will find the resources that can.

Enjoy all that this Michigan summer has to offer you!

— *Dr. Becky Diellin*

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## 2024/2025 CONTINUING EDUCATION

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### VETERINARY PROGRAM

10/02/2024 – Dr. Kate Myrna – Ophthalmology  
11/13/2024 – Dr. Howard Seim – Practical Techniques in Soft Tissue Surgery  
12/11/2024 – Dr. Sara Jablonski – Gastrointestinal

*Sponsor: Royal Canin*

02/12/2025 – Dr. Sheilah Robertson – Palliative Care/Hospice

*Sponsor: Zoetis*

03/12/2025 – Dr. Justine Lee – Emergency Medicine

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Sign-in for the conference begins at 8:15 am, with the seminar beginning at 9:00 am. Continental breakfast and full lunch are included. The seminars will conclude at 5:00 pm.

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### TECHNICIAN PROGRAM

10/02/2024 – Dr. Kate Myrna – Ophthalmology  
11/13/2024 – Dr. Kari Beer – ECG & Transfusion Medicine  
12/11/2024 – Annette Engler, LVT, CVPM, CCRP – Client Handling: Tips and Tools for Technicians, Front Office Staff and Veterinarians  
02/12/2025 – Dr. Sheilah Robertson – Anesthetic/Perioperative Complications; Feline Pain – Analgesia/Anesthesia  
03/12/2025 – Mallory Olson, LVT, VTS – Recover Protocol for CPR

Sign-in and dinner for the conference begins at 5:45 pm with the seminar starting at 6:30 pm. The seminars will conclude at 8:30 pm. For each SEMVMA member in your practice, one technician or staff member can attend each of the seminars for FREE. The cost for additional staff members or for the staff of non-SEMVMA members is our regular charge of \$35. You must RSVP to ensure a meal and proceedings. Seminars will be held at the Management Education Center – 811 West Square Lake Road, Troy, MI, (248) 879-2456

You can attend our meetings in person or virtual, your choice! Please contact Barb at the SEMVMA Office to register (248) 651-6332 adminsemvma@semvma.com

# SAVE THESE DATES!

## Upcoming Activities

*Look for additional details on our website*



### Summer Picnic Baseball Game: Hoppers vs Unicorns

Doubleheader 5:30 and 7:30 PM, Gates Open at 4:30 | Jimmy John's Field

We are offering a fun-filled social activity – a baseball game! This is a wonderful opportunity for us all to come together, relax, and enjoy some quality time outside of our usual routines. Whether you're a baseball enthusiast or just looking to spend a pleasant day with fellow members, this event promises to be a fantastic experience.

Your ticket includes game seating in the party patio area, group photo on the field, kids run the bases after the game, meet and greet with the team mascots, free parking, All-American Barbecue, unlimited soft drinks, lemonade, iced tea, and water and two drink credits for 12 oz. domestic draft beer or house wine.

Your presence will make this event truly special. This will be a great family outing! To attend this event, use the QR code to purchase your tickets (kids under 3 are free).



### 29th Annual SEMVMA Golf Outing

Tanglewood Golf Course, South Lyon, MI

We are looking forward to our upcoming Golf Outing Fund raiser on Wednesday, August 7, 2024 at Tanglewood Golf Club in South Lyon. This event is not just an opportunity to enjoy a beautiful day on the greens, but also a chance to support a worthy cause: Leader Dogs for The Blind. Leader Dogs provides guide dogs at no cost to the person needing the assistance. Leader Dog for The Blind is a local charity with global outreach.

Your participation will make a significant impact, and we have planned a day filled with fun, friendly competition, and great company! Whether you're an avid golfer or just looking for a relaxing day outdoors, there's something for everyone.

To join us, please register by Wednesday, July 24th (see the enclosed form). Sponsorship opportunities are also available for those who wish to further support our mission. We hope to see you on the green, enjoying a wonderful day while making a positive difference in our community.



**Ezra Kimmitt Holliday** was born to **Beth Kimmitt, DVM, DACVO** of **Veterinary Vision** and her husband **James Holliday** on April 28, 2024. *Congratulations!*

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! Our goal of this section is to let members know what is occurring in our lives outside of veterinary medicine. Please notify us of your recent family additions, graduations, honors, achievements, fund raising activities, civic group associations, outdoor activities and the like. Please call us at 248-651-6332 or email us at [adminsevmma@sevmma.com](mailto:adminsevmma@sevmma.com)

# VETERINARY CAREERS PIPELINE PROJECT

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## **Written by Crystal Sapp, DVM**

The Michigan Veterinary Medical Association Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Council wants to help support our profession and the workforce of Michigan by encouraging and educating local youth about veterinary medicine. The veterinary industry is one of the least diverse professions nationally, which impacts the care that we can provide to our more diverse national population. In addition, there are not enough veterinarians available to meet the demand for services nor are there enough veterinary professionals to support the current veterinarians and practices. Not only does this affect all practitioners, it also affects pet owners, especially those that live in Detroit.

Why specifically Detroit? According to a July 2023 study titled “Animal Welfare Deserts: Humane and Nonhuman Animal Inequities” by Laura Reese and Xiaomeng Li, it was found that Detroit is not only a veterinary service desert but also a pet resource desert which means that there are not enough pet supply stores or veterinary clinics to provide for the need in the area. They also found that more prosperous areas have more pet support resources and the study concluded that the overlap between human economic distress and pet resource deserts presents a threat to the goals of One Health.

If you're not familiar with the phrase “veterinary desert”, a veterinary service desert is described as an area where accessible, affordable, and available veterinary services are limited according to the October

2023 JAVMA article titled “Establishing a Working Definition For Veterinary Care Deserts” by Laura Bunke, Scarlett Harrison, Gillian Angliss, and Rhea Hanselmann. They used census track data, poverty rate data, and veterinary employees per number of households as ways to outline how accessible, available, and affordable care is in the area being studied.

Our project goal is to build a sub-committee of volunteer DVM and LVTs that will build and participate in in-school education on career pathways in veterinary medicine and humane education. Not only will this help encourage native Detroit residents to advocate for animals in their homes and community, but also increase opportunities for those of marginalized communities, hopefully also bring a healthier economy to Detroit, and increase the affordability, accessibility, and availability of veterinary services in Detroit. We are also looking for practices that are willing and able to provide shadowing and employment opportunities for students as their interest grows in considering our profession.

The sub-committee will build blueprints for consistency on the in-school curriculum as well as humane education, identify the cadence of visits and to which schools in the Detroit Public Schools system, and outline the key experiences of students that shadow in a clinic or professional setting.

If you're interested in volunteering or learning more, please contact either Dr. Crystal Sapp at [csapp@michiganhumane.org](mailto:csapp@michiganhumane.org) or Dr. Brent Calhoun at [brent.calhoun.dvm@gmail.com](mailto:brent.calhoun.dvm@gmail.com).

# OPPORTUNITIES

## VETERINARIANS

Riverview Animal Hospital seeks P/T associate for busy, well established private practice in Riverview, MI. Excellent client communication and low stress pet handling a must. Surgical experience and interest in dentistry preferred. Hospital is well equipped with digital dental and whole-body x-ray, U/S, tonometer, and in-house lab. Experienced and knowledgeable support staff. We offer competitive salary and benefits including 401k, and a flexible schedule with no after-hour emergencies. If you have a friendly, positive outlook and want to join a great team, please email your resume to riv18761@aol.com

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## NEWSLETTER ADVERTISEMENT POLICY

In order to preserve the educational and informative purpose of the SEMVMA newsletter, the SEMVMA council adopts the following policy regarding advertising. Ads should be submitted to Barb at [adminsevmma@sevmma.com](mailto:adminsevmma@sevmma.com)

Practices or businesses with a common owner shall be treated as one business or practice for the purpose of this policy (referred to as "Common Owner Business or Practice"). A common owner is a person or entity which owns 5% or more of an entity or practice. Shareholders or sole proprietors of an entity or practice shall be considered an owner along with the entity that holds an interest in the business or practice.

Corporate ¼ page ads are limited to one business, owner or corporation for each issue of the SEMVMA newsletter. This is in the interest of having the newsletter inform the association and not overwhelm them with ads. The SEMVMA council may modify or waive the application of this policy on a case by case basis at the discretion of the council.

Ads will run only once unless a request is submitted to the Administrative Secretary to run longer. Classified ads are \$15 for 60 words or less and \$25 for 61-100 words. Corporate ¼ page ads are \$135 per issue or \$500 for four issues. Payment is due at the time of the initial ad placement.

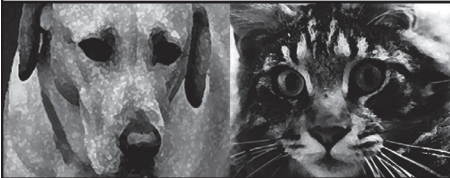
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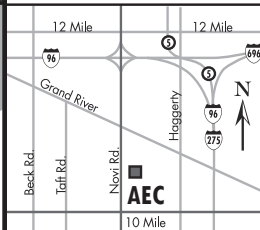


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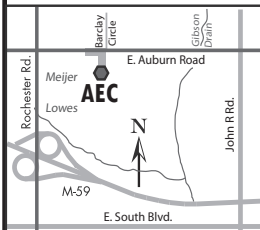
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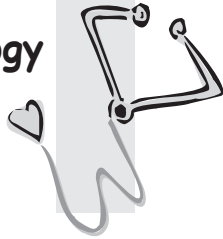


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## STUDENT LOAN DEBT REDUCTION AWARDS

The SEMVMA is concerned about the cost of a veterinary education and the accumulated student debt. We realize student debt only adds to the stress of new graduates and we would like to take action to reduce the debt load.

The SEMVMA is proud to announce that we will be awarding two \$5000 awards to recent graduates during the January Membership Celebration Dinner to reduce their student debt. This grant will be awarded to two members who meet specific requirements. We intend to choose 2 recipients per year who meet the following requirements:

- Have graduated in the last 3 years (2022, 2023, 2024)
- Are members of the SEMVMA
- Work in one of the 9 counties that our membership derives from (Wayne, Oakland, Washtenaw, Macomb, Monroe, Livingston, Lapeer, Genesee, St. Clair & Windsor).
- Have active student loan debt that can be verified from a lending institution. **Each award shall be granted to a recognized student loan provider or debtor organization.**
- Have not received the award in the past

An application may be obtained via the SEMVMA office and submitted by October 11, 2024. The award will be chosen at random in the presence of a quorum of the SEMVMA Board of Directors during the November or December BOD meeting. Awardees will be notified and invited specifically to the January Membership Celebration Dinner. The award will be submitted directly to the loan originator or institution.

Please spread the word and encourage your new graduates to apply. We hope this effort will make a difference in the lives of the awarded individuals and make you proud to be a member of the SEMVMA. An application to apply is available on the SEMVMA website.

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